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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF INTERNAL OVERSIGHT SERVICES

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 26th, 27th, 29th to 31st, 34th, 35th and 45th meetings, on 11, 13, 14, 19, 21 and 29 November and 2 and 16 December 1996. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/51/SR.26, 27, 29-31, 34, 35 and 45).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of procurement handled by the Contracts and Procurement Service of the Department for Development Support and Management Services (A/50/945);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation of the alleged misappropriation of United Nations assets at the United Nations Gift Centre (A/50/1004);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the management audit of electronic mail at the United Nations Secretariat (A/50/1005);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the management audit of United Nations global cargo and motor vehicle insurance programmes (A/51/302);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the management structure of the civilian component of the United Nations Peace Forces (A/51/305);

(f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/432);

(g) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into the United Nations access control system (A/51/467);

(h) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into seminars of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/51/486);

(i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on final reports produced by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/530 and Corr.1).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/51/L.19

4. At its 45th meeting, on 16 December, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services" (A/C.5/51/L.19), which had been submitted by the Chairman.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/51/L.19 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The General Assembly:

(a) Decides to continue consideration of the annual report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[1] during its resumed fifty-first session;

(b) Reaffirms its decision in paragraph 2 of its resolution 50/239 of 7 June 1996 that the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[2] should be considered under the relevant items of the agenda.

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[1] A/51/432.

[2] A/50/945, A/50/1004, A/50/1005, A/51/302, A/51/305, A/51/467 and A/51/486.